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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A lens apparatus capable of performing serial and parallel communication with a camera body through a serial and parallel communication interface, comprising:

a selection device which prohibits the serial communication, wherein:

when the serial communication is prohibited by said selection device, the parallel communication is performed with a camera body.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (ORIGINAL) The lens apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

when the serial communication is prohibited by said selection device, a processing speed of a processing circuit loaded into said lens apparatus is reduced.